

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**CRIMINAL MOTION HEARING**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMONDO ANTOINE MILLER, TASHENA LAVERA  
CRUMP, BALLAM HAZEAKIAH DUDLEY, & MONICA  
SABINA SHARMA-HANSSEN,

Defendants.

**COURT MINUTES**

Case Number: 20-232 (JRT/DTS)

Date: September 29, 2023

Court Reporter: Kristine Mousseau

Courthouse: Minneapolis

Courtroom: 14E

Time Commenced: 10:41 a.m.

Time Concluded: 1:59 p.m.

Time in Court: 3 hours & 10 minutes

Motion hearing before John R. Tunheim, United States District Judge, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**APPEARANCES:**

Plaintiff: Melinda Williams, Harry Jacobs, Matthew Ebert, Garrett Fields

Defendants: Robin Wolpert, Matt Forsgren, Caitlinrose Fisher, Donald Lewis, Kathleen Curtis,  
Thomas Shiah ☐ FPD ☒ CJA ☐ Retained

**Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion for Order to Show Cause [Docket No. 1754]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1766] DENIED**

**Defendant Amondo Miller's Motion for Order to Show Cause [Docket No. 1755]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1766] DENIED**

**Plaintiff's Motion for Hearing [Docket No. 1764] GRANTED**

**Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion for Order to Show Cause [Docket No. 1754]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1766] DENIED**

**Defendant Monica Sharma-Hanssen's Motion in Limine [Docket No. 1773]**

1 - Motion to Exclude Seizure Evidence **DENIED**

2 - Motion to Prohibit Government Witnesses from Testifying of Their Respective Views **DENIED**

3 - Motion to Exclude better Business Bureau (BBB) Complaints; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861] **DENIED**

4 - Motion to Exclude Real Property Financial Records **GRANTED**

5 - Motion to Admit Evidence of Bias	<b>GRANTED</b>
6 - Motion to Preclude Certain Lay and Expert Testimony	<b>DENIED</b>
7 - Motion to Exclude Privileged Communication	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
8 - Motion to Prohibit the Government and its Witnesses from Using the Following Terms: "Victims" "Mega Victims" "Sucker List" and "Life Blood of the Industry"; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>DENIED in part</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Sequester Witnesses [Docket No. 1777]; Joined by Defendant Amondo Miller [Docket No. 1805]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DENIED in part</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Allow Agents in the Courtroom [Docket No. 1778]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DENIED in part</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Preclude Argument that Following Orders is a Defense to Criminal Charges [Docket No. 1779]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Preclude References to Government's Charging Decisions [Docket No. 1780]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Preclude Reference to Evidence of Defendants' Lawful Behavior [Docket No. 1781]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Preclude Reference to Possible Punishment [Docket No. 1782]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Preclude Improper Defenses [Docket No. 1783]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part, DENIED in part, and DEFERRED in part</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Admit Co-Conspirator Statements [Docket No. 1784]</b>	<b>DEFERRED</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Preclude Speculation Evidence as to Her Own Knowledge [Docket No. 1785]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Preclude Legal Conclusion Evidence [Docket No. 1787]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Exclude Statements of Alleged Coconspirators [Docket No. 1788]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]</b>	<b>DEFERRED</b>

<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Exclude Consumer Complaints [Docket No. 1790]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Preclude Alleged Victim Testimony [Docket No. 1792]; Joined by Defendant Amondo Miller [Docket No. 1805]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Require Specificity as to Case and Defendants [Docket No. 1793]; Joined by Defendant Amondo Miller [Docket No. 1805]; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DENIED in part</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Exclude Lay Opinions Regarding His Knowledge and Intent [Docket No. 1794]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Testimony Regarding "Megan" [Docket No. 1795]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Restrict Government's Use of Defendant's Prior Criminal History [Docket No. 1796]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DEFERRED in part</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Preclude Rule 404(b) Evidence [Docket No. 1797]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Motion to Admit Victim-Consumer Complaints [Docket No. 1798]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DENIED in part</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Permit Use of Transcripts [Docket No. 1799]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion for Theory of Defense Instruction [Docket No. 1802]</b>	<b>DEFERRED</b>
<b>Defendant Ballam Dudley's Motion to Deny Government's Request for Willful Blindness Jury Instruction [Docket No. 1804]; Joined by Defendant Amondo Miller [Docket No. 1863]</b>	<b>DEFERRED</b>
<b>Defendant Amondo Miller's Motions in Limine [Docket No. 1806]</b>	
1 - To Prohibit Use of the Terms "Victims," "Victim-consumers," or "Megavictims,"; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>DENIED</b>
2 - Motion to Preclude Legal Conclusion Evidence	<b>DENIED</b>
3 - Motion to Preclude Testimony of Awareness of Fraud	<b>DENIED</b>
4 - Motion to Prohibit Evidence of Prior Criminal Convictions	<b>GRANTED in part and DEFERRED in part</b>

5 - Motion to Prohibit Evidence of Drug Use; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>GRANTED</b>
6 - Motion to Prohibit Evidence of Music Career	<b>GRANTED</b>
7 - Motion to Exclude 404(b) Evidence	<b>GRANTED</b>
8 - Motion to Admit Bias and Motive Evidence; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>GRANTED</b>
9 - Motion to Exclude Better Business Bureau Complaints; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>DENIED</b>
10 - Motion to Exclude Co-Conspirator Statements; Joined by Defendant Ballam Dudley [Docket No. 1861]	<b>DEFERRED</b>
11 - Motion to Invoke Marital Communications Privilege	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's for Relief from Failure to Search and Preserve Emails [Docket No. 1811]</b>	<b>DENIED</b>
<b>Defendant Monica Sharma-Hanssen's Supplemental Motion in Limine [Docket No. 1870]</b>	<b>GRANTED in part and DENIED in part</b>
<b>Defendant Tashena Crump's Motion to Unseal Document [Docket No. 1871]</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>

Other matters:

Defendant Monica Sharma-Hanssen fails to appear. Government requests a bench warrant – **GRANTED.**

Trial will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023 in courtroom 14E.

s/Heather Arent  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk